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PLANNING FOR FUTURE AT USD

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SAN DIEGO, Calif. --Truth in knowledge and identifiable moral standards are more necessary than ever before, said the Provost of the University of San Diego, the Most Rev. John R. Quinn yesterday when he named the first two members of the new University Advisory Board.

The members are Clarence L. Steber, retired company president, 2447 Ardath Road, La Jolla and Robert L. Sheeran, stockbroker, 1555 El Camino del Teatrol, La Jolla.

"The University of San Diego has a unique and important part to play in the expanding educational needs of San Diego and California," said Bishop Quinn. "As a Christian liberal arts university, it fills the traditional role of many similar universities across this nation, and through more than 1,000 years of the history of higher education. Our future needs must be carefully planned to meet the challenge of today's problems."

The new Board will advise on coordinated development of the College for Women, College for Men and the School of Law on the USD Alcalá Park campus.

"The Colleges at USD, with their 1,700 students, have a high

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academic record and an established position in the community," said the Provost.

"They are ideally situated to continue to provide an essentially Christian education for the young people of today who so earnestly seek truth in knowledge and identifiable moral standards."

He said the new Board "will help and guide the Executive Board of the University on steps towards closer identity and achieving the most desirable pattern of development for the future of the University."

"The schools were established on the campus under separate corporations and at different times during the last 20 years. A professional study recently made for the Executive Board indicated certain proposals, including possible merger, as desirable for future expansion and development," he said.

The College for Men and the College for Women began the new semester this week with almost completely integrated co-educational courses. Faculties have cooperated closely to coordinate inter-college courses.

One immediate result is a broader and more flexible schedule and notable expansion in evening courses, which now include eight new subjects.

Many facilities of the two colleges have also been combined, including provision for a new student union and joint catering services. One bookstore now serves all three schools. There are still two college libraries and the library of the School of Law.

"While public supported higher education is essential to the life of the community," said Bishop Quinn, "there is an equally vital need for

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the continuance and expansion of selective private higher education to meet the exacting demands of the changing times with which we are faced. "

The Executive Board under Bishop Quinn consists of Sister Nancy Morris, RCSI, President of the College for Women, the Very Rev. John E. Baer, President of the College for Men, and Joseph A. Sinclitico, Dean of the School of Law.

Newly appointed Advisory Board member Clarence Steber provided the grant for the new Educational Development Center opened at USD in April. He retired as president of Steber Manufacturing Company, Broadview, Illinois in 1959. He was a member of the Chicago Board of Directors of Catholic Charities and set up the Steber Foundation for Catholic charities.

Robert Sheeran is Vice President at the La Jolla office of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Director of La Jolla Rotary Club, and has close association with La Jolla Museum of Art and United Crusade.

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